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[] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application. See 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1) and (3).

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[] E. As a submission in accordance with the transitional procedure for limited examination after final rejection pursuant to 37 CFR §1.129(a). Pursuant to MPEP §706.07(g), page 700-66, col. 2 (August 2001), this IDS is treated as if filed with a period set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(b) and considered without the petition and petition fee required by 1.97(d).

[] F. As a submission with or after a request for continued examination under CFR §1.114, and before the mailing of a first office action on the RCE. See 37 CFR §1.97(b)(4).

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[] While an IDS filed under §1.97 must contain a "list of all patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office", see §1.98(a) (1), the only requirement for the list is that it provide the information set forth in §1.98(b). There is no requirement that a form PTO-1449 be used (MPEP §609 merely says that use of this form is "encouraged"). Counsel has used a list provided to him by Applicants, and not transferred the information to a PTO-1449, to avoid the risk of any inadvertent error in transferring the information.

[] A. Documents _____ are deemed substantially cumulative to documents _____, and, in accordance with 1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

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"encouraged") and no prohibition on submitting a copy of a form PTO-1449 or form PTO-892 from a prior case. Indeed, the re-use of such forms is desirable as it avoids error in transferring the information, and evidences that the reference was considered in a prior application. A previously accepted PTO-1449, or an examiner-prepared PTO-892, necessarily complies with §1.98(b).

[] C. Document(s) _____ is (are) U.S. patent(s) and/or published application(s). As this is a U.S. application filed after June 30, 2003, or an entry into national stage under 35 USC §371 after June 30, 2003, the requirement to file copies of such U.S. patents or published applications has been waived. (Office of Patent Legal Administration - Pre O.G. Notice of July 11, 2003).

[X] 3. Documents DE and DI are not in the English language. In accordance with 1.98(a)(3), Applicants state:

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- [] a publicly available abstract is attached to each of documents ___, and the source of each abstract is indicated thereon.
- [X] document DI is a patent or published patent application for which counterpart English language patents or patent applications exist, and are enclosed, as follows:

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- [] applicants have prepared an English translation of at least the pertinent portions of documents _____, and copies are attached.
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of documents _____ is found in the attached search report from the _____ Patent Office (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).
- [] A concise explanation of the relevance of documents

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[Insert concise explanation of relevance]

4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

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6. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

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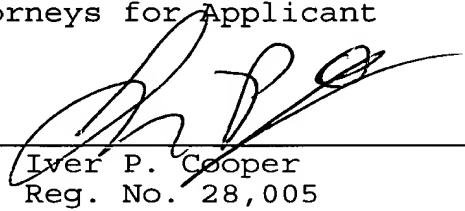
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